

FAR NORTH SUBAREA

The **Far North Subarea** is characterized by single and multi-family housing and retail and commercial development. The neighborhoods are largely new subdivisions where generally middle and upper income families live. The retail/commercial development includes large strip centers and mega-store development. It is concentrated along Highway 281, Loop 410, IH 10, and major roadways including Blanco, Huebner, DeZavala and Bitters Roads and NW Military Drive. The terrain ranges from gently sloping near Loop 410 at the southern end of the subarea to extremely hilly and rocky at the northern end near Loop 1604. A variety of terrain and ecosystems exist, but are dominated by oak, cedar elm, and cedar. Undeveloped land is limited, and exists along the northern boundary of the subarea. The northern half of the subarea is located in the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone where there are limitations on development.

CENSUS TRACTS

1810, 1811, 1812, 1813, 1818, 1911, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1917, 1918

POPULATION (estimated) **% of change**

1997	113,100	
2002	128,700	+13.80%
2007	144,200	+12.00%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Hispanic	30.2%
Anglo	64.6%
Black	2.7%
Other	2.5%
Male	47.8%
Female	52.2%

Age

<5	7,216 (6%)	35-44	19,350 (17%)
5-9	7,315 (6%)	45-54	16,524 (15%)
10-14	7,600 (7%)	55-64	9,591 (9%)
15-19	6,682 (6%)	65-74	7,056 (6%)
20-24	6,961 (6%)	75+	5,259 (5%)
25-34	19,546 (17%)		

Median Household Income \$47,099

SOCIAL STATISTICS *

<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>
Arrests ⁽¹⁾	132
Births/10-17 ⁽²⁾	60
Educational level ⁽³⁾	2,187 (1.9%)

1) felonies & misdemeanors

2) births to mothers between 10 and 17

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3) over 18 with an eighth grade or less education

* Arrest and birth statistics are for calendar year 1997 as provided by the Health and Police Departments.
Education statistics are drawn from the 1990 Federal Census as provided by the Community Initiatives Department.

PROMINENT LANDMARKS AND FACILITIES

- McGimsey Boy Scout Camp
- Leon Springs Military Reservation

NATURAL RESOURCE ASSETS

- Existing rock quarries
- Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone
- Salado, Olmos and Panther Springs Creeks
- Undeveloped, sensitive ecosystems north and south of Loop 1604

PARK FACILITIES LISTING

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO PARK FACILITIES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	
Panther Springs*	CP	42.30	
Subtotal			42.30
Eisenhower	LUP/NA	323.00	
Subtotal			323.00
Walker Ranch	HR/SUF	39.76	
Subtotal			39.76
Bamberger Nature Park	NA	70.90	
Subtotal			70.90
TOTAL CITY PARK ACREAGE		475.96	

* Outside of City Limits

BEXAR COUNTY PARK FACILITIES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>	
Bullis Park	46.91	
Orsinger Park	15.11	
Raymond Russell Park	19.67	
Subtotal		81.69

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CITY OF HOLLYWOOD PARK FACILITIES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
Voight Recreation Center	4.10
Subtotal	4.10

TOTAL NON-CITY PARK ACREAGE 85.79

GRAND TOTAL FAR NORTH SUBAREA PARK ACREAGE 561.75

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Based on the National Recreation and Park Association's established goal of 10 acres of park land per 1,000 residents, the following chart summarizes the park land needs of the Far North Subarea (based on 1997 acreage figures).

FAR NORTH SUBAREA NEEDS IDENTIFICATION*

	1997 Inventory (Acres)	Current Service Ratio (Acres/Pop.)	1997 Estimated Population 113,100 (Acres/Goal) (Excess/Def.)		2002 Estimated Population 128,700 (Acres/Goal) (Excess/Def.)		2007 Estimated Population 144,200 (Acres/Goal) (Excess/Def.)	
Total City-Owned Park Acres	475.96	4.21:1,000	1,131	<655.04>	1,287	<811.04>	1,442	<966.04>
Total Public Park Acres including City, County, State, Federal and Incorporated Cities park land	561.75	4.97:1,000	1,131	<569.25>				

*Based on December 1997 Park Acreage

In December 1997, the City owned 405.06 acres of park land or 3.58 acres per 1,000 residents in the Far North Subarea. Based on a goal of 10 acres per 1,000, a deficiency of 725.94 acres exists. Park acres of other public entities impact this total only minimally. Based solely on City population projections and park acreage figures (assuming no further acquisition), there will be a deficit of 1,036.94 acres by the year 2007.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Based on surveys completed during the planning process, need was expressed for the following activities and facilities.

- walking, jogging and bicycle trails
- picnic areas
- playgrounds
- swimming pools

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- multi-purpose community centers with gymnasiums
- natural areas

RECOMMENDATIONS

After study of the demographic profile (both current and projected) of the Far North Subarea, inventory of current facilities and programs, and expressed needs of citizens, the following recommendations are being made to guide development of parks and recreation facilities and programs in the next ten years. Included are both general and specific recommendations.

PRIORITIES

- 1) acquire additional park acreage to meet service goals.
- 2) rehabilitate parks and recreation facilities to assure safety, accessibility and quality programming for users.
- 3) work with other public agencies and private organizations and individuals to secure land and further develop the Salado Creek corridor as a greenway.
- 4) secure natural area acreage over the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone.
- 5) develop Panther Springs Park.
- 6) construct a multi-purpose community center with gymnasium and pool.

FUNDED PROJECTS (currently under design or construction)

<u>Project</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Year</u>
Walker Ranch Park improvements	\$400,000	Bonds	1999
TOTAL FUNDED PROJECTS	\$400,000		

PROPOSED/UNFUNDED PROJECTS

<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Estimate*</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Year</u>
Acquisition of park land			
<i>Acquire 15-20 acres</i>	\$258,800	all but CDBG	2000
<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Estimate*</u>	<u>Source</u>	<u>Year</u>
<i>Acquire 15-20 acres</i>	265,000	all but CDBG	2001

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<i>Acquire 45 acres</i>	-0-	LD	2002
<i>Acquire 15-20 acres</i>	271,900	all but CDBG	2002
<i>Acquire 15-20 acres</i>	279,000	all but CDBG	2003
<i>Acquire 45 acres</i>	-0-	LD	2004
<i>Acquire 15-20 acres</i>	286,800	all but CDBG	2004
<i>Acquire 15-20 acres</i>	296,000	all but CDBG	2005
<i>Acquire 45 acres</i>	-0-	LD	2006
Community center (multi-purpose with gym & pool)-- design & construct in existing park			
<i>Design</i>	147,200	all but CDBG	2001
<i>Construction</i>	1,359,600	all but CDBG	2002
Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone-- acquire property over			
<i>Acquire 45 acres</i>	-0-	LD	2001
<i>Develop natural area</i>	\$110,700	all but CDBG	2003
Eisenhower Park-- design and construct improvements & rehabilitation to (post and cable barrier, playground, pavilion rehabilitation, picnic facilities rehabilitation, Moltke House restoration, and ADA improvements)			
<i>Design</i>	30,500	all but CDBG	2001
<i>Construction</i>	307,500	all but CDBG	2002
Panther Springs Park-- design and construct development (youth ball fields, trails, picnic facilities, amenities, restrooms, parking)			
<i>Design</i>	79,700	all but CDBG	2004
<i>Construct</i>	737,000	all but CDBG	2005
Salado Creek corridor-- secure land & further develop			
<i>Acquire 20 acres</i>	-0-	DO	2003
<i>Develop corridor</i>	138,400	all but CDBG	2003
<i>Acquire 20 acres</i>	-0-	DO	2005
<i>Develop corridor</i>	152,500	all but CDBG	2007
Walker Ranch Park-- design and construct improvements (sidewalks; perimeter security fence; grading; demolition of existing slabs and materials; fill material removal; trails; park furnishing; landscape)			
	269,800	all but CDBG	2002
TOTAL PROPOSED PROJECTS	\$4,990,400		

*Costs adjusted for annual inflation

Acquisition Sources

DO Public Works Department/Drainage Ordinance
LD Planning Department/Land Dedication

Funding sources

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GOB General Obligation Bonds
CDBG Community Development Block Grant
GD Private Grants & Donations
FMG Federal Matching Grant
SMG State Matching Grant